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NOTICE

We have to advise the public that Mr. J. D. Neelham has not been in our employment since the 15th Nov., and that he is not authorized to receive payments on our account, or for that of the Typographia Aldina. Notice to this effect was published in the "Jornal do Commercio" of the 26th Nov., since when no payments made to him will be recognized. Those who have paid accounts to the said Neelham since the 15th Nov. will confer a favor by reporting the same at this office.

In our humble opinion there is a vast amount of valuable energy wasted hereabouts in promoting the raising of products quite unsuitable to the climate. Undoubtedly it would be of great benefit to Brazil were wheat grown here, but as every effort thus far made has failed, it would seem wiser to promote something better. We knew of experiments in wheat production years ago in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, and nothing came of it. One agriculturist who made a careful experiment in São Paulo, near Campinas, said that the weeds grew so much faster than the wheat, that this cereal could be grown only by weeding the fields two or three times by hand. In spite of all this, however, some of our theoretical agriculturists are still wasting time and effort in urging the cultivation of wheat. It seems to us that a much better propaganda just at this time, is that of market gardening, the production of fruit and vegetables for the cities. We can get wheaten flour abroad much cheaper than we can raise it, but this is not the case with fruits and vegetables. Although so necessary to our health and comfort, we find that these small products are excessively dear and often unfit for food. And yet, there is suitable ground enough in the vicinity of this capital to supply a dozen such cities—and that, too, at very low prices. Then, too, there are good rice-producing districts in Brazil whose product is considered even better than the imported article. The shores of Brazil are likewise productive of excellent fish, but so little use is made of them that fresh fish are very dear, and preserved fish for interior markets is imported in large quantities. There is no need to try any doubtful experiments, for there are scores of industries to be developed which will contribute to the well-being of the people as well as to their profit. We need cheaper food and clothing, lower rents, and greater freedom of initiative. More industry, less monopoly and less taxation would all contribute to the prosperity of the country.

ACCORDING to *The Statist* of November 27th, the recent two millions loan on treasury bills, in London, was secured by a lien on the custom-house of this city. It will be remembered that the London correspondent of our principal newspaper cabled that the success of the loan was due to the "substantial security" given, but he was very careful not to specify what that security was. To the surprise of many, though not to all, that security now appears to be nothing less than the customs receipts of this port. It will be remembered that we have again and again pointed out that the tendency of public affairs would imperatively lead to this. We have shown that the government has been dissipating its resources and exhausting its credit, and that the time would come when it would have to mortgage its customs receipts. That time has now come. It is not a question of pessimism, or of unfriendliness; it is simply a question of fact and reason. It has long been evident to us that the policy pursued in this country since 1889 would very soon lead to loss of credit, and then to bankruptcy. We still have the latter to face, and unless the government can promptly reduce its expenditure, it can not be very far distant. That this misfortune may never be realized, is undoubtedly the wish of all—but wishes will avail nothing unless converted into acts. There must be severe retrenchment in expenditure, a realization on non-productive assets, and then a generous development of trade and industry. The latter is urgently necessary, because an impoverished people can not afford to furnish much revenue. Retrenchment means the elimination of every unnecessary expenditure, and realization on non-productive assets means the sale of useless ironclads as well as of stock farms and railways. It means also a large and effective reduction in the army, which has for some time been a source of heavy expenditure. Brazil is in no danger from outside aggression, and she can easily confine her whole attention to the development of her natural resources. And if she does this, wisely and effectively, we shall soon see the revenue receipts yielding a surplus, the public debt decreasing, and the people happy, prosperous and contented. Exchange will then go to par, and no financial house will ever think of asking for a lien on the custom-house to secure a small temporary loan.

We regret to note that another year has passed without an effort to settle the many important questions involved in the imposition of quarantine and other sanitary regulations. Considering the importance of the interests involved and their relation to the protection and comfort of countless individuals, it is incomprehensible that the great commercial nations should ignore the subject so persistently year after year. The injustice and loss which are borne by travellers and commerce are simply incalculable, and yet not one step is taken to redress their wrongs. Why is it? If a missionary forces himself into the heart of China, or Turkey, and suffers harm from the people who resent his interference with their religious beliefs, his government promptly demands reparation, and the Christian world applauds the demands. But let a traveller be caught in the meshes of quarantine—that survival of a barbarous age—and suffer imprisonment and peril of life through it, no notice whatever will be taken. It is well known that quarantines are maintained either by insane fear, or mercenary jobbery, and from either one of these the victim can expect neither mercy nor humane consideration. He is either looked upon as a peril to life, or as a source of profit to the purveyors and other persons connected with the lazaretto. Inasmuch as experience and scientific opinion is condemning quarantines as customarily enforced, it would seem full time for the commercial nations of the world to combine against their abuses, even if not to secure their abolition. A few days

ago it was proposed in Montevideo to impose rigorous quarantine against Brazil simply because one case of yellow fever had been reported from Santos. This would be an outrage, and it should be no more permitted by other nations than piracy. We all know that the Flores Island lazaretto at Montevideo is maintained for the profit of certain contractors, and we likewise know how bravely they rob the helpless traveller and equally helpless shipowner. Then there is the disinfection force, an abuse of the worst character. And now we have a new factor in the question, which the sanitary authorities here are enforcing—that of prohibiting outside medical visits to the shipping in port. This, in our opinion, is a clear infraction of the rights guaranteed to foreigners, as well as a needless and cruel measure. If a physician is licensed to practice on shore, that license should entitle him to equal recognition abroad. And if the foreigner on shore may employ whomsoever he pleases, then he should have the same privilege when afloat. The employment of physicians is always a matter of personal preference, and it should never be abridged. And as it implies life or death to the sick man, it is worse than cruel to deny him the privilege of sending for the physician of his choice. The authorities may suppress unlicensed practitioners, and exact prompt reports, but beyond this they have no moral right to go.

COFFEE NOTES

The *Journal do Commercio* of the 17th publishes a letter from a planter, denying that the 1898 coffee crop will amount to 100 millions of bags. He says the crop may reach a maximum of nine millions, in case it is not injured by drought between January and March next.

In their November circular Messrs. W. H. Crossman & Bros estimate the next Brazil coffee crop at 5 1/2 millions for Santos and 1 million for Rio, making 6 1/2 millions bags in all. They consider that any reduction in one section will be accompanied by a corresponding increase in the other, so that the total crop estimate will remain unchanged.

Simoes Advices are to the effect that the state treasury has instructed the *receptorio* to intimate three commercial houses of that city to pay up something over fifty cruzeiros on annual coffee dispatches, or the matter will be referred to the courts. It is said that there are still other delinquents. It would be interesting to know the history of these cases. Did the firms really get permission to ship coffee without paying the duties, or is it a fraud on the part of certain dispatch clerks and officials?

PROVINCIAL NOTES

A telegram from Pelotas asserts that João Francisco, in order to conceal traces of his crimes, has caused to be burnt the corpses of persons murdered by his order.

A Pelotas telegram of the 17th inst. states that at Bagé, as well as at Livramento, crimes committed by caudillesco authorities have been recently discovered.

The *Federação* of Porto Alegre, the organ of Julio de Castilhos, is trying to deny the barbarous crimes recently discovered at Livramento, Rio Grande do Sul. This was of course expected.

There has been circulating in Rio Grande do Sul a report that Raimundo Barcellos, Victorino Montalvo and Sá Dias had been arrested in the act of taking passage at Rio de Janeiro. Friends of these persons have contradicted the report.

The monthly demographic bulletin of São Paulo has recently published a partial report for that state for the month of October. According to reports from 85 municipalities, there were 2,676 deaths, 4,978 births and 887 marriages.

A Montevideo telegram of the 16th says the Uruguayan government will ask for the punishment of the Brazilian officials of Uruguay who arrested and maltreated the Uruguayan Francisco Campana, and then sent him on to Uruguayana.

The police force in Santa Catharina being considered badly organized and undisciplined, the governor of that state has resolved to dissolve it, reorganizing a new force later on more in accordance with his requirements. It is a dangerous discretion to leave in the hands of a governor.

A Montevideo telegram of the 15th says that ex-politician Constante Garcia and Francisco Vargas have been arrested as the authors of the 31 assassinations at Livramento. They accuse Constante Garcia of giving them orders to commit the crimes, telling them they would be helping the Uruguayan revolution in this way.

A Montevideo telegram says that the assassinations at Sant'Anna do Livramento, recently discovered, number thirty-one.

If one hundredth part of the criminal accusations against caudillesco officials in Rio Grande are true, it will be enough to damn the pernicious government of that state for all time. The continued attacks on the federalists show their bad faith and deliberate treachery, and these accusations show their cruelty and absolute lack of conscience. Henceforth no one can trust them, nor find a word of excuse for them.

S. PAULO FACTS AND FANCIES.

Amical Fables.—These are good humoured, heated, snail-paced fables, and hollow puffed-up fables of Asia, which cannot go but they ride a "Laz" or upon wild crows and wild asses, and "Laz" and "Laz" are, rather than them with King Cerebras, and let the welkin roar! Should we fall and for ever?

Haters.—By my truth, captain, these are very bitter words.

I always think it wise to arrange in such a way that the newspaper from which I take my daily information on current events shall be one with whose opinions I am not able at all times absolutely to agree. And one I read at present is the *Estado de S. Paulo*; and the chief points on which we are not in perfect agreement are its estimate of the character of the British people, and its prognostications regarding the future in store for the British empire.

In other respects I like the paper very much and, indeed, notice with pleasure a marked improvement in its service, and an indefinable increase of interest in its appearance, especially, I think, since the *embalsamento* of the *Commercio de S. Paulo*.

I used to read the *Diário Popular*, for much the same reasons above stated; but its telegraphic service was so exciting that my nerves refused to stand the racket, and I had to change. One day it would announce, for example, that some English students, carried away by political feeling, had been pelting ladies with stones in the streets of Birmingham. A very likely story! The next came the news that the officers mess of a smart British cavalry regiment had indignantly torn up a picture of His Majesty's Colonel, his most sacred majesty, and his future king, the Kaiser Wilhelm; and, very shortly after this, that the said high personage had presented the officers of the same regiment a silver laurel wreath, apparently in recognition of the handsome compliment paid him as above. This too seems very probable.

As to the combinations of European powers for the purpose of annoying England, even the *Times* Agency could not hold a candle to its *«Daily News»* on this score. One day, however, having announced that France, Russia, and Austria had jointly demanded the instant evacuation of Egypt by the English, it apparently forgot this arrangement immediately, and inserted a telegram lower down in the same column, to the effect that England, France, and Russia, had agreed to send their united fleets to Constantinople for the purpose of coercing the Turk, and perhaps bombarding his capital.

This, as Mr. Harte has it, "let me out," I resolved to "view up" at this. The electric force of such telegraphing was too shocking for me, and I had to change my paper to save what remained of my reason.

Unfortunately, however, the *Estado* has been exhibiting symptoms of Angiophobia, so marked a kind that I fear my *«bras patentes»*, though of the toughest, possibly, material, may again be unequal to the strain put upon them. In its number of the 16th inst. it gives the following particulars regarding the horrible case of anthropophagy in Rio Grande do Sul. It says the statement is extracted from a Rivera newspaper called *La Verdad* ("and that's the truth," said he!)

A respectable "ancient," Sr. Antonio Pedro dos Santos, who arrived yesterday from the centre of the neighboring country (left on his way to Caraguatatuba, states that, at a certain point in his journey which he did not succeed in identifying, he heard agonized "ah's" proceeding from a hut on the skirt of the marsh existing in those parts (Qv.—What parts?) He and his *camarada* instinctively precipitated themselves into the hut, and there found a girl of some ten years old firmly secured to a post, and a man of terrific aspect, stark naked, and with immensely long and disordered hair and beard, biting pieces out of the unfortunate child, and bolting them whole! No mention is made of horns and a tail; and, indeed, the alleged existence of these adjuncts would have branded the whole story as apocryphal. "Horns, hoofs, mules, Cuvier, when the Devil appeared to him, 'horns, hoofs, herbivorous, harmless' at Sr. Santos and his *camarada*, both of whom were petrified with horror," looked on at this petrified performance for some time, before it occurred to them to take any measures for putting a stop to it. Then Sr. Santos valiantly drew his revolver, and the agreeable, observing the movement, stammered out some words in English, which he accompanied with violent gestures as if to intimate that "no one had any right to interfere with his private affairs" (Qv.).

This passage certainly seems to give a sort of *«embalimento»* to the story. It brings to the fore the truly British idea that the Englishman's house is his castle; and reminds one of the provincial newspaper's version, or rather inversion, of the famous passage in Lord Chatham's speech:

"Every Englishman's house is his castle. The rain may enter it, all the winds of Heaven may whistle around it—but the King cannot!"

Probably the words which our venerable Ancient with the Pistol recognised as being English—though he did not understand them—were something like:

"Rice cover! Oo are yer gittin at, awn't yer? Mind yer lone bloomin' laziness! Cawn't I take a sneek without you a comin' interbloomin'fering? Be heft, now, slipper, or blyuse if I don't dot yer on the boko!"

Our countryman did not stand to his guns, however, but throwing back his words as a Partisan shift, escaped by an aperture in the hut—probably the chimney—and disappeared into the "matto" (a).

"Lord, lord, how we old men are given to this same vice of lying," exclaims Jack Falstaff, and the *Verdad* is so impressed with the truth of this saying that it inserts the following sly clause towards the end of the story: "Were not our informant a person whose seriousness is proverbial, we should not believe this narrative." The only person I know of whose seriousness is proverbial, is the harmless, necessary, undertaker; but I tremble to think how serious even he would have to be before he put that in print. Still the story does seem that my American friends would call a bit *«stumpy»* for one published in a paper bearing such a name as *La Verdad*.

To begin with, the "Englishman" must have had uncommonly good teeth to be able to eat a tough-skinned human being as one would an apple; but that is a detail. The editor of *La Verdad*—for it appears the kind of truth published in *La Verdad* requires careful editing—then winds up his account by stating his motive for the hypothetical doubt above referred to. He believes it to be "repugnant to human reason to admit the existence among ourselves of beings so abject and despicable" of monsters such as this Englishman, the hero (*«hé»*) of this frightful article; this hellish abomination thrown upon the surface of the earth to the shame and ignominy of his human race.

Well, had it been told of anyone but an Englishman, I for one would not have believed the story. I could not have swallowed it without a grain either of salt or mustard, as this "Englishman" did his family, for it appears from the evidence of the little girl, given while she was bleeding to death, that he had eaten his wife and another child within the previous month or so. If this "hellish abomination" had first roasted the woman and children alive, say with a con or two of kerosene, I might perhaps have sought in another direction for this "hellish abomination" as "nationality," but as it is, alas! no doubt is possible. The ancient says he is English—quite English, you know—and the ancient is an honorable man.

To clear up all uncertainty, however, I consulted my young friend, Dr. Deasodens, Virgilio Gato, Tito Lyrio de Souza e Silva on this point, but he had no consolation to offer me. "There can be no doubt as to its truth," he said, for Sr. Antonio Pedro dos Santos has informed the police of the fact! I did not quite see the imputation, but abstained from saying so; merely remarking that in England it was usual to lay such information before the marines.

For some reason or other the burden of a job of old sailor's song, heard many years ago, when my home was chiefly on the ocean wave, kept ringing in my ears, as I read this doleful history. There are many verses to it, each containing statements almost as remarkable as this cannibal yarn from Rio Grande; but the chorus to each is the same:

O you lie, you lie, you lie,
O you know you're telling a lie!

NICOMACHES DEWIDRON.

S. Paulo, Dec. 15th.

RAILROAD NOTES

An inclined plane was formally inaugurated in Santos on Sunday last by the Empress Nova Cintra.

The director of the Central railway has ordered four special postal coaches from the United States for use on that line.

The government has definitely fixed the capital of the Caxias to Cajazeiras railway, Maranhão, at 2,165,495\$912.

It is announced that the partial reconstruction of the Central station, in this city, will be begun early next month.

One of the provisions of the general appropriation bill authorizes the government to take over the Oeste de Minas railway.

It rained heavily in the mountains about Rio on Sunday and Monday, causing considerable damage to the railway lines. The S. Paulo night express was delayed four hours on Saturday.

The judicial sale of the Pia railway at auction is announced for the 7th prox. The road is 61 kilometres long and is valued, together with the station buildings, rolling stock and all appurtenances, at 2,672,682\$.

We are informed that the Leopoldina railway system was formally transferred to the English company on the 11th inst. Rumors have been current of another embargo, but it seems to have failed in securing sufficient support.

The Central railway management is about to reopen its printing office, which was closed at the end of last year because it cost more than it was worth. As a rule the work can be done more cheaply and expeditiously in outside offices.

The mismanagement of the Sorocabana and Itapua lines for some years past has at last culminated in the embargo of their property for account of the foreign debenture-holders. The manifest disposition of the company to avoid its obligations to them has forced the issue at this time.

At Campos on the 13th inst. the Caraguatatuba branch of the Leopoldina railway (194 kilometres in length) with all the station buildings, rolling-stock and appurtenances was sold at auction for 2,000,000\$. The solicitor of the republic and the lawyer of the receivers of the company have filed protests against the sale.

On Friday, in virtue of an order of Judge Barreto Dantas, the receivers of the Leopoldina railway delivered that road to the representatives of the English creditors. The work of reorganization is progressing in London, where the new company has already been registered. Application will be made to the Brazilian government for its approval of the company's statutes, which have been framed and are on their way to Brazil. As soon as the new company is legally constituted the work of repairing the road, of building connections and extensions and of replenishing the rolling-stock, is expected to commence.

Engineer Gustavo da Silveira reports that on the 21st of October, when stock was taken, the Central railway had 233 broad-gauge and 93 narrow-gauge locomotives. Of the former 45 were in good working order, 53 were in a fairly serviceable condition, 111 were unserviceable and required repairs and 22 had been condemned. Of the narrow-gauge locomotives 26 were in good working order, the same number in a fairly serviceable condition, 38 were unserviceable and required repairs and 3 had been condemned. Since the 21st of October 11 have been repaired at the railway's workshops, whose capacity for repairs does not exceed 6 locomotives a month. As an experiment I have been sending repairs to the United States. The railway had 313 broad-gauge and 121 narrow-gauge passenger and baggage cars and 2,223 broad-gauge and 774 narrow-gauge freight cars. Since the 1st of January 271 passenger and baggage cars and 2,021 freight cars have been repaired at the railway's workshop; but the greater part of the cars, according to Engineer Gustavo da Silveira, are still in a very bad state of repair.

SHIPPING NOTES

The *Journal do Brazil* of this morning says that the *Ohio*, of the State line, is shortly expected here from Philadelphia, and that a regular service on this coast will be maintained in case there is a favorable opportunity for it.

The new general revenue bill (Art. 1, No. 7) provides that the lighthouse and wharfage tax shall be paid in gold when imposed on foreign vessels, and that these still vessels (Art. 1, No. 8) are therefore exempted from the 10 per cent surtax.

The river Paraná has fallen so heavily that navigation is becoming well nigh impossible. Several steamers and sailers are detained in different parts of the river, while those engaged to load at Colastine cannot get within miles of the port even in ballast.—*Times*, Buenos Aires.

Messrs. Lameret and Holt, Liverpool, have contracted for three large steel screw-steamers, two of which are to be built on the Clyde and one on the East Coast. These vessels, with their machinery, are intended to be placed with the British Corporation Registry.—*Liverpool Journal of Commerce*, Nov. 22.

During the month of October, 28 steamers left Genoa for America, with 15,055 passengers, of whom 11,675 came to Brazil, 5,277 went to Argentina, 788 to the United States, 133 to Central America, and 85 to Uruguay. During the same month, 8,243 passengers returned to Genoa from America, of whom 5,933 were from Brazil, 1,162 from Argentina and 180 from Uruguay.

The director-general of public health has formally prohibited physicians from visiting the ships anchored in this port without previous licence from the sanitary authorities, excepting in cases of transmittable diseases. The fines are 200\$ to 500\$, which the vessels may also incur should their masters permit such medical visits. This is a most unjust and cruel regulation. There ought to be some liberty conceded to ship-masters, as well as others, in the choice of a medical attendant.

A new "national industry" has been started up river in the Paraná Guayrá channel. When sailers, and steamers happen to be detained there for want of sufficient water in the channel to enter the estuary of the Plate, thus compelled to lie at anchor during the night, and when the majority of the crew are asleep, the opportunity is seized to assault the craft. A gang of armed men come alongside, and taking temporary charge of the vessel, ransack the ship, taking ashore with them any part of the cargo or appurtenances to which they may take a fancy. The "new industry" is making good progress. Several lighters and steamers having been operated upon within the last few days. Unless the authorities take an active attitude, the new industry is likely to pay unheard-of dividends.—*Times*, Buenos Aires.

LOCAL NOTES

The many old friends in Rio of Mr. R. G. Shearer, sub-manager of the Buenos-Aires branch of the London and Brazilian Bank, will be interested to hear of his recent engagement. The fortunate young lady is Miss Agar, a sister of Mr. James Agar, of Buenos Aires. *Muitos felicidades*.

—Two thousand new boxes were opened at the post-office yesterday.

—There were heavy rains in this city and vicinity Saturday night and Sunday.

—The first public audience of the new prefect of the Federal District was attended by 196 office-seekers.

—No amount of experience seems to be proof against big promises. It needs another demonstration to show how empty they are.

—The prefect of the Federal District has instructed his subordinates to report, without awaiting a special order, on all complaints made against them in the press.

—We are indebted to the proprietor of the Cafe and Restaurante Criterium, No 1 Rua do Sacramento, for a courteous invitation to be present at the reopening of that establishment on the 17th inst.

—Before all the unrest and threatening political complications of the world, Brazil's best policy will be to settle down to peaceful avocations and produce food for others. It will pay a very large interest.

—There has been one case of yellow fever in Santos, and now the Montevideo sanitary authorities are talking of vigorous quarantine against Brazil. How long will the commercial world submit to these impositions?

—Notwithstanding the spasmodic efforts of the police, that most vicious of all gambling devices, the *jogo de bicho*, still continues. It is the bane of the city, corrupting everybody, and causing countless thefts and breaches of trust.

—The intense heat experienced here during the past fortnight has considerably augmented the work of the doctors. Fortunately it was broken by a heavy rain storm on the night of the 17th inst., since when the temperature has been much more satisfactory.

—A German named Hugo Lasserer committed suicide in the suburb of Meyer on the 16th, because he feared hydrophobia. He had been bitten by a pet dog some 21 days before, and the fear of the consequences seems to have driven him to suicide.

—Germany has improved the opportunity afforded by a fanatical attack on some Germans in China, to seize and hold a Chinese port. This will introduce another disturbing element into Eastern politics and will help to bring on the great war of the near future.

—According to the *Comercio de S. Paulo* Senator Pinheiro Machado has been arrested. That paper also publishes the report, without vouching for its correctness, of the arrest of Senator Lauro Sodre, Gen. Argollo and Barbosa and Admiral Noronha (Julio or Carlos?).

—The trial of the persons accused of the murder of Col. Gentil de Castro was begun yesterday at the 12th *pretoria*, where the sub-prefect Dr. Raymundo Pennaforte Caldas. It is stated that in the trial the family of the murdered man will be represented by Dr. Ivo Guedes de Mello.

—We should be glad to have our subscribers renew their subscriptions before the opening of the new year, and also to advise us of any changes in their addresses. We are now about to reprint our mailing list, and would be materially assisted in this by having all these changes noted at an early day.

—Is it not possible for the police authorities to check the robberies which are occurring every day in this city? Two or three burglaries a night is something to be ashamed of, not to sleep over. One of the faults in the matter is the fact that the thieves are not punished. If caught, they are kept in prison a month or two, and then discharged.

—An evening journal asserts that a large fraction of the federal republican party has decided to support Gen. Salles for the presidency of the republic. The resolution, it is stated, will be made known either in a manifesto or in speeches to be made at a dinner that will be given to a prominent member of the party.

—The Italian government is certainly achieving notoriety. It is now denouncing an indemnity from Haiti of 80,000 dollars for the detention of a merchant ship in that country in 1893. Besides this an Italian gunboat is said to have fired upon some revolutionists during a battle with the government forces. William and Humbert are clearly on a raid against the small boys.

—A telegram of the 14th announces the burning of the celebrated castle of Dover, one of the oldest and best preserved specimens of its class in England. Its museum contained many interesting specimens of ancient armor and weapons, and its armory contained some thousands of modern rifles. Its loss will be most keenly felt, because so great a part of its contents cannot be replaced.

—We notice on the walls of the Larangeiras Club a set of very beautiful photographs of the Albion Club, Buenos Aires. To those who have ever paid a visit to the well-managed English Club, they will be of great interest. We understand the photos were a present from Mr. Forle, the secretary of the Albion Club and were brought up by our secretary who has just returned from a short visit to the Plate.

—As our readers are aware, we are not accustomed to waste much time and space in extravagant promises. We can not hope to equal, much less surpass, the financial and commercial journals of London and New York, but we can give our readers a fairly complete summary of events in this country and an honest opinion in regard to them. And as everybody knows, we have generally been correct, both in our facts and in our deductions.

—We are beginning to hear the usual talk about sanitary inspection and restriction, but thus far we hear nothing about watering the streets? What is to be done about it? If they are not watered, and the heat continues like what it was last week, we shall have an epidemic of *acessa perniciosa*. Is this what the sanitary officials want?

—Having been authorized by the minister of industry to organize a meteorological service, the director of the national observatory announces that he has completed arrangements with the state telegraph and expects to inaugurate the service on the 1st prox. Dispatches will be sent to the observatory from all points at the hour corresponding to 12 o'clock Greenwich time, which is 9 o'clock and seven minutes at Rio. These reports will be duly recorded, but nothing is said of announcing weather changes as is done in Europe and the United States.

—Under the title of a *Clube Xadrez Fluminense* there has been organized in this city a chess club, of which the following gentlemen are officers:—Dr. Carlos da Silveira Martins, president; Dr. Luiz Soares, secretary; Augusto da Cunha Porto, treasurer. Several interesting matches have been played at the club, which next month will have its first tourney. The club will correspond with similar clubs in the states of Brazil and in foreign countries, and matches by telegraph will be played. The news of the organization of the club will, we are sure, cause no little gratification to all who are fond of this scientific game.

—The *Debate* of Sunday states that an interview occurred between the minister of foreign affairs and the Italian minister on Saturday, at which the former stated that he was authorized to consider the *Esprito Santo* case, although the latter had not yet received his credentials. The documents relating to the killing of several colonists among them some Italians, at Barra do Rio Petropolis, *Esprito Santo*, were taken up for consideration, and, becoming acquainted with their contents, Count Antonelli declared that it is not a case for diplomatic intervention, but of judicial investigation. An accord to this effect was drawn up and signed, and the same will be at once forwarded to Rome.

—The six São Paulo wheelmen, Osmond, Otto, Protasio, Valente and Gladiador, who arrived here a few days ago, have been very well received by the patrons of the Velodrome Fluminense. Allowing for the fact that the men were not acquainted with the track, they have thus far ridden: some excellent races, Osmond and Otto in particular; these two having beaten such good riders as Nelson, Haurago and Barreyre. The Paulistas are entered in the four days race for points, which takes place this week. The winner of this race will receive one conto, and five hundred milreis is to be divided between the second and third men. It is not at all unlikely that, when the São Paulo cyclists return home, some of this money will be taken with them.

—The *New York Herald* of November 7th fills us with profound enjoyment. It has half a column of news regarding the attempt on the President's life, principally from Buenos Aires, in which the crime is attributed to a monarchist plot. It is stated that the monarchists were enraged because Marshal Bittencourt had defeated the families at Canudos. And then the *Herald* commends itself, editorially, on the fulness and accuracy of its news from South America. In view of the fact that the monarchists had nothing whatever to do with the crime, that the assassin called himself a "jacobin and floriante," and that all the persons arrested are "floriantists or republicans," the *Herald's* boasting seems a little premature. It is one thing to publish long dispatches, and another to give the facts.

BIRTH.

On 17th inst., at São Paulo, the wife of John Kenyon Eldowes, of a son.

DEATH.

On the 19th December, at the Meio da Serra de Petropolis, THOMAS VICTOR, son of James and Elizabeth Gilson, aged 5 months.

THE RIO CRICKET AND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The first annual general meeting of the above association was held at the City Club on Friday last at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. De Lisle was voted to the chair, and the following gentlemen were present: Messrs. Geo. E. Cox, W. H. Ashbrook, Francisco de Sampaio, H. L. Wheatley, O. H. Wilmet, Edwin E. Hime Junior, S. Cox, II. F. Tyler, R. Morrissey, D. D. Keny, E. Morrissey, A. Amal, A. Pelling Smith, R. H. Robinson, H. Evers, J. H. Cooper, H. J. Reeves, H. W. Stacey, F. D. Youle, C. J. Gemmill, T. D. Bunn, H. D. Drain, C. H. Allen, R. A. Brook, J. Davy, P. Harvey, Chas. Jackson, C. Murphy, N. Stewart, Geo. E. Cox and Rev. Irvine Crawshaw.

The rules of the association were read, and after some discussion and amendments, were unanimously adopted. The officers to serve during 1898 were elected as follows:

President..... Basil J. Freeland,
Vice-President..... Geo. E. Cox,
Hon. Treasurer..... T. D. Bunn,
Hon. Sec..... W. H. Ashbrook.

COMMITTEE.
P. C. Morrissey, Alfred Hime,
F. S. Youle, H. J. Reeves,
H. L. Wheatley, R. Morrissey.

Mr. De Lisle proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cox for his untiring exertions in starting the association, and this being seconded by Mr. Ashbrook the meeting was closed, a vote of thanks being accorded to the chairman.

CLUB DAS LARANGEIRAS.

A General Meeting of the members was held on Saturday the 18th inst., for the purpose of electing the new Committee for 1898. Twenty-eight members having signed the book it was proposed and seconded that Dr. Hastings should take the chair for the evening, Messrs. Jackson and Murly acting as secretaries.

The retiring officers were Messrs. Cox, Maude, Stacey, Wheatley and Bunn. The voting by ballot was then proceeded with and the result showed as follows:
President, Geo. E. Cox, Esq., 27 votes
Vice-President, Dr. Hastings, 11 "
Secretary, H. W. Stacey, Esq., 25 "
2nd Secretary, H. L. Wheatley, Esq., 14 "
Treasurer, T. D. Bunn, Esq., 21 "
After the voting for the committee had been completed, Messrs. Whyte and Murly were elected to act as auditors of the accounts for the closing year.

The usual votes of thanks to the chairman and the retiring officers closed the meeting.

BRITISH SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY.

Rio de Janeiro, 13th December, 1897.
To the Editor of THE RIO NEWS.

Sir,—The Committee of the British Subscription Library has been surprised by an attack upon the management of that Institution, which appeared in the December number of *The Church Echo*.

The article in question, they are informed by the Rev. Irvine Crawshaw, is from the pen of Mr. Gay B. Hall and should have borne his signature.

The committee do not feel that they are called upon to answer Mr. Hall's letter, therefore they content themselves with saying that most of the courteous criticisms it contains (some they do not consider as coming under that category) are based on either erroneous information, or inadequate acquaintance with the resources of the library and with the requirements of the community of its members, while one or two of the suggestions the committee had, at a meeting held on 15th October last, decided on adopting.

For the Committee,
HAROLD J. HAMPSHIRE,
Hon. Secretary.
P. L. YOULE.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Consular Reports, November, 1897. Published by the Bureau of foreign commerce at Washington, and containing valuable reports from United States consuls in every part of the world.

General Index to Monthly Consular Reports. Published by the Bureau of foreign commerce at Washington. This is the fourth volume of the Index, and covers the Reports issued since May 1893, to August, 1897. For reference purposes it is indispensable to anyone seeking information in these consular reports.

Das Brasilianische Geldwesen: I. Theil. Die Münzen der Colonie Brasilien, 1645 to 1827. Julius Mehl, Zurich, Instituto Polygraphisch, 1897. The first volume of an extremely interesting and important work on the coins of the colonial period in Brazil. The author has evidently devoted much labor and research to the task, and the result is that he has made his look an authority on the subject. The printing and plates are likewise perfect in kind, as they should be in a work of this character. The book also contains descriptions of the gold bars stamped during the period in question, the plates giving a perfect idea of the outlines and marks of each. The second volume of the work, which is in course of preparation, will cover the period of the empire, from 1822 to 1889. It may be needless to add that the author is a well-known business man in Brazil, being a member of the firm of Mehl, Diethelm & Co., of Zurich, Pernambuco and Rio de Janeiro.

BUSINESS NOTES.

—The government has been authorized to take over the Ceará Harbor Corporation.

—Decree No. 2,743, of the 17th inst., provides for the observance of the new tariff at the custom-houses of the country.

—Decree No. 2,742, of the 17th inst., regulates the execution of the law of the 3rd ult., prohibiting the use of foreign labels on articles of Brazilian manufacture.

—The municipal council of São Paulo obliges the drivers of trams, trolleys, carriages, vans, cabs, etc., to take out licenses, which must be registered. The fee is 1000.

—Decree No. 2,741, of the 17th inst., regulates the execution of the provision exempting from duty pieces of machinery imported for vessels in construction in Brazilian dock-yards.

—In virtue of the last general appropriation bill the charges of the City Improvements Co. will be collected, after the revision of its contract with the government, at the rate of 20¢ per 1000.

—There seems to be some complication again in the importation of cattle on foot for the beef supply of this city. It is a trade which should run smoothly and with the least possible expense, and yet somehow it is always characterized by intrigues and difficulties.

A São Paulo telegram of the 16th inst. says that Dr. Freire Junior, attorney for the London and Brazilian Bank, has placed embargoes on all the property of the União Sarcobal e Itana railway in the hands of São Paulo, Sorocaba and S. Roque. The company has failed to take up the debentures drawn for redemption to a value of over one thousand conto. The embargoes were issued by the civil and criminal court.

—In Eugenio Velho the municipal officials understand that the common eating-houses must be closed at midday on Sunday, although hotels are permitted to remain open. It is a curious situation, surely! A billiard saloon can be kept open all day, but the restaurant where common people get their food must be closed at 12 m. In time, let us hope, we shall see a little more judgment exercised in affairs of this municipality.

—The dividend of the London and River Plate Bank has been steadily rising for some years past, and now the shareholders announce a dividend of 13 per cent., making, with the 7 per cent. paid in June, a distribution of 20 per cent. for the year, besides placing £5,000,000 in pension and benevolent fund, and carrying forward £500,000. There seem to be no bounds to the possibilities of this exceptionally well-managed institution, and its prosperity is a good sign of the hopeful state of Argentina.—*Financial News*, Nov. 24.

—The *Journal do Brazil* of the 16th inst. says an important Paris syndicate has organized a company in London with a 1st series capital of 80,000,000 for the purpose of exploring the concession of the Empreza de Melhemont do Brazil for certain improvements in this port. The *Journal* says that Dr. Carlos Sampaio is in London in connection with the underwriting, and that the London capitalists are insisting that the work shall be under the superintendence of José Carlos de Carvalho, "Nuff said." We are smiling.

—Paragraph 27 of the general revenue bill enforces a discrimination against foreign insurance companies which merit its attention. It says:—(The general revenue, etc., will consist of, etc.) "27. The stamp tax, including 2.5 per cent. of the value of the annual premium of the policies of land and marine insurance emitted by companies which have no seat in the country. These companies shall register in the federal treasury, or in the custom-houses and treasury agencies, within the maximum period of eight days, the policies which they emit and their respective renewals, under the penalty of having annulled the authorization to transact business in the country."

NEW POSTAL RATES.

After 1st January next, says the *Journal do Commercio*, the following increased postal charges will be in force:

	foreign	internal
Letters, up to 15 grammes.....	300 reis	200 reis
Letter cards.....	300 "	200 "
Letters, not prepaid.....	400 "	200 "
Post cards, single.....	100 "	50 "
do double.....	200 "	100 "
Manuscript, up to 50 grammes.....	100 "	150 "
Impresses.....	100 "	150 "
Samples.....	100 "	150 "
Registry.....	400 "	200 "
Advices of delivery.....	200 "	100 "
Official correspondence up to 25 grammes.....	100 "	
Box rents, Rio postoffice, 50¢ per annum, payable half yearly.....		

An examination of the revenue bill shows that some of these changes were not authorized. The bill says that the internal rates for newspapers and registry are unchanged, but we see that the single rate for impressos is increased from 20 to 150 reis. The act makes no mention whatever of the foreign postage and yet the postoffice puts up letter rates, to 300 reis and impressos to 100 reis, or double what it was before. Box rents are nearly doubled.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

—In the budget of the Federal District for 1898, the revenue is estimated at 17,056,435 and the expenditure at 15,771,095, the estimated balance being, consequently, 1,285,340.

—On the 15th inst., President Prudente de Moraes signed the general revenue bill for 1898, and on the 16th the general appropriation bill.

—The general appropriation bill, in addition to making appropriations to the amount of 372,812,424\$169 for 1898, approves the hitherto unapproved appropriations made by executive decree in 1896, amounting to 22,857,766\$692.

—A loan of 400,000\$ has been successfully floated in this market, by Broker Pallares, for the municipality of S. José de Alem Parahyba, state of Minas Geraes.

—It is announced in this morning's papers that the prefect of this city has succeeded in borrowing 3,000,000\$ for the municipality through the medium of Broker Hirsch.

—In Portugal there prevails an impression that the recent Brazilian loan in London exceeds the reported sum of £2,000,000. In the *Journal do Commercio* of Lisbon, it is stated that the amount is £4,000,000, of which half is secured by a lien on the customs receipts and the other half by a lien on the receipts of the government railways.

The Lisbon correspondent of the *Journal do Brazil*, of this city, writing under date of the 29th ult., asserts that the sum secured by a lien on the former receipts is £4,000,000 and that secured by a lien on the latter is £2,000,000, making a total of £6,000,000. The Lisbon *Journal do Commercio* describes this financial operation as an extreme resource and says that never before has the country been in such a critical situation. It warns the Brazilian government that, if it fails to avail itself of the period of relief thus obtained and to adopt measures for improving permanently the financial situation, the sacrifice will have been made in vain and the position will become even more critical than it was before the loan was obtained.

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King David str.	Cardiff	

... **Chapman** ...

Lauriston.....	Rangoon	5 Sept.
Lafayette.....	Louisa	—
Navarra.....	Oporto	—
Nicolet.....	Salinas Pass	27 Nov.
Mary.....	Clasgon	9 Nov.
Margaret Ritchell.....	Savannah	18 Nov.
Marye Gilm.....	Bombay	18 Sept.
Mouroula.....	Peusacola	—
Macleys.....	Rangoon	20 Sept.
Nickel.....	Cardiff	—
New City.....	Hamburg	1 Nov.
Nor.....	Portland	—
Nor-mandy.....	Cardiff	9 Nov.
Prince Adelaide.....	Leith	1 Oct.
Prince Louis.....	Leith	14 Oct.
Prince Victor.....	Portland	—
Poulet.....	Peusacola	—
Robert A. Bessard.....	Portland	10 Nov.
Robertsford.....	Peusacola	—
Sera.....	Savannah	20 Sept.
Thomas Perry.....	at Grimsby	—
Taurus (str.).....	Rangoon	31 Oct.
Tidra (str.).....	Haugkeek	31 Oct.
Union.....	Paspelac	17 Nov.
Vauze da Gamra.....	at Vigo	—
Vera.....	Liverpool	17 Nov.
White Wings.....	Hamburg	29 Oct.
White Wings.....	Baltimore	13 Oct.
Zama.....	Wisby	—

Arrivals of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FROM	CONSIGNEE TO
Dec. 13	Daube Br.	Southampton* 16½ ds.	Royal Mail
13	S. Nicolas Ger.	Hamburg* 23 ds.	Rd. Johnston & Co.
13	Llandudno Br.	Cardiff 24 ds.	Large Truinos
13	Cantham Br.	Adriatic* 25 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
13	Esquimaux Fr.	Genoa* 25 ds.	Karl Valls & Co.
13	Assiditua Ital.	do* 26 ds.	A. Florida & Co.
13	Clyde Brit.	River Plate 3 ds.	Royal Mail
13	Miramar Br.	do 5 ds.	Quivie, Davidson & Co.
13	Scampote Ital.	Genoa* 19 ds.	Florida & De Villacusi.
13	Berchlev Br.	Santos 27 ds.	Central R. R.
13	Hamburg Gr.	do 17 ds.	Hermann Stoltz & Co.
13	Cintra Gr.	do 17 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
13	Kalmia Kiraly Aust.	Hamburg* 22 ds.	Roubaud & Co.
13	Hapagite Ger.	River Plate* 2 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
13	Medoc Fr.	Bordeaux* 22 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
13	Charente Fr.	New York* 22 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
13	Parahya Br.	Havre* 20 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
13	Asil Ger.	Santos 1 d.	Ed. Johnston & Co.

Departures of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FOR	CARGO
Dec. 13	La Plata Br.	Southampton*	Stundries
13	Dalcorilla Gr.	New York	Coffee
13	S. Nicolas Ger.	River Plate	Stundries
13	Elbe Br.	Santos	do
13	Hogarth Br.	do	do
13	Amazonas Ger.	do	do
13	Danube Br.	River Plate	do
13	Brasiers Nor.	Santa Lucia	do
13	Clyde Br.	Southampton*	Stundries
13	Assiditua Ital.	Genoa*	do
13	Esquimaux Fr.	River Plate*	do
13	Chivertone Br.	Ports Eads	Ballast
13	Hamburg Gr.	Bremer*	Stundries
13	Miramar Br.	do	do
13	California Fr.	New Orleans	Coffee
13	Sempione Ital.	Genoa*	Stundries
13	Kalmia Kiraly Aust.	Frederic*	do
13	Cintra Ger.	Hamburg*	Stundries
13	Herschel Br.	New York	Coffee
13	Cantham Br.	Bordeaux*	Stundries
13	Medoc Fr.	River Plate*	do
13	Charente Fr.	Buenos Aires	do
13	Parahya Br.	Coro	Ballast
13	South Africa Br.	do	do

Last Quotations of Stocks and Bonds --- December 20th

Circulation			
251,155,000	Stock 5% currency (applied).....	1850	1850
102,615,000	Bonds of 1894.....	100	100
124,585,000	Stock 4% (gold), converted.....	100	100
11,232,000	Gold Loan, 1895, 6%.....	100	100
26,337,000	Do do 1894 4 1/2%.....	100	100
18,350,000	Do do 1894 4 1/2%.....	100	100
17,500,000	State of Espírito Santo.....	100	100
10,000,000	do of Minas Geraes, 5%.....	100	100
55,000,000	do of Rio de Janeiro, 6%.....	100	100
4,000,000	Rupreschian Municipal.....	100	100
24,000,000			
Capital			
20,000,000	Commercial.....	200	200
30,000,000	Commercial.....	200	200
21,000,000	do 2nd series.....	200	200
16,000,000	Construct.....	200	200
20,000,000	Credito Mercantil.....	200	200
10,000,000	Lavura e Commercio.....	200	200
11,521,000	do 2nd series.....	200	200
20,000,000	Nacional Brasileira.....	200	200
	Republica do Brazil.....	200	200
	Rural e Hypothecario.....	200	200
	do 2nd series.....	200	200
Capital			
3,600,000	Carvellas a Aymores.....	100	100
110,000,000	Leopoldina.....	100	100
16,000,000	Muzambinho.....	100	100
62,000,000	Oeste de Minas.....	100	100
24,000,000	S. Paulo-Rio Grande.....	100	100
70,000,000	Uniao Sorocabana Itaipu.....	100	100
42,000,000	do 2nd series.....	100	100
	Vinhao Ferres Sapehy.....	100	100
Capital			
14,000,000	Jardim Botânico.....	200	200
12,000,000	S. Christovao.....	200	200
Capital			
10,000,000	Alliança.....	000	000
6,000,000	Brazil Industrial.....	000	000
3,000,000	Carica.....	000	000
6,000,000	Confiança Industrial.....	000	000
50,000	D. Isabel.....	000	000
1,200,000	Industrial Mineira.....	000	000
1,500,000	Manufacturas Fluminenses.....	000	000
1,000,000	Petropolis.....	000	000
1,000,000	S. Pedro de Alcantara.....	000	000
500,000	Santa Lúcia.....	000	000

Foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro, December 19th, 1897.

NAME	TONS	ARRIVED	FROM	CONSIGNEES
American				
bk J. W. Elwell.....	1380	Nov. 18	New York.....	Bddy, M. & Guerin
sp St. L. Barrill.....	1380	Nov. 18	New York.....	F. L. Ferraz
sp Cressington.....	241	Nov. 18	New York.....	B. Ferreira & Irmão
bk Glen Grant.....	760	Nov. 18	Baltimore.....	Leering & Co.
bk Kirkdale.....	1573	Nov. 18	New York.....	Bddy, M. & Guerin
bk Morning Star.....	1113	Nov. 18	New York.....	F. L. Ferraz
bk Osherg.....	1113	Nov. 18	New York.....	B. Ferreira & Irmão
bk Melville Island.....	1113	Nov. 18	New York.....	Leering & Co.
bk Whitewood.....	1113	Nov. 18	New York.....	Bddy, M. & Guerin
bk Dwyer.....	1113	Nov. 18	New York.....	F. L. Ferraz
bk Clairmont.....	1113	Nov. 18	New York.....	B. Ferreira & Irmão
British				
sp Bay of Bengal.....	1850	Oct. 16	Rangoon.....	Norlet, Megaw & Co.
sp Corlaga.....	1850	Oct. 16	Rangoon.....	Norlet, Megaw & Co.
sp St. L. Barrill.....	1380	Nov. 18	New York.....	F. L. Ferraz
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bk Dwyer.....	1113	Nov. 18	New York.....	F. L. Ferraz
bk Clairmont.....	1113	Nov. 18	New York.....	B. Ferreira & Irmão
Dutch				
lug Acadie II.....	300	Dec. 2	Hamburg.....	To order
French				
bk Pharo.....	515	Dec. 5	Marseilles.....	D. J. Silva & Co.
German				
sp Alceone.....	215	Oct. 19	Antwerp.....	Laurens & Co.
bk Antilla.....	115	Nov. 18	New York.....	F. L. Ferraz
bk Victoria.....	115	Nov. 18	New York.....	B. Ferreira & Irmão
bk Yama.....	115	Nov. 18	New York.....	Leering & Co.
Italian				
bk Loreto.....	545	Dec. 6	Marseilles.....	A. Aveler & Co.
Norwegian				
bk Prince Regent.....	124	Nov. 19	Newport.....	Brazilian Coal Co.
bk Berio.....	507	Nov. 19	Newport.....	Brazilian Coal Co.
sp Parthena.....	1027	Dec. 13	Peusacola.....	To order
bk Asperin.....	1027	Dec. 13	Peusacola.....	To order
bk Victoria.....	115	Nov. 18	New York.....	F. L. Ferraz
bk Yama.....	115	Nov. 18	New York.....	B. Ferreira & Irmão
Swedish				
bg Ekbo.....	178	Dec. 14	Rio Grande.....	To order
Portuguese				
bk Tentadora.....	301	July 20	Cape de Verdes.....	L. A. G. Santos & Co.
sp Oceano.....	1124	Aug. 12	Ilha do Sal.....	Macedo Junior & Co.
bk Iorque.....	1183	Sept. 18	Ilha do Sal.....	Macedo Junior & Co.
bk Constancia.....	1534	Nov. 18	Ilha do Sal.....	Macedo Junior & Co.

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